

Amendments to the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 6:

By way of example, the following provides a sample process that illustrates an example of one process which the DMD solution can support. A region, e.g., any grouping of one or many cable head-ends for cities, states, provinces, or countries, defined by cable or network operators in an area, sells a commercial in the local availability time. All remote site servers 16 within the same region play the same material at the same time, including all network programs, national spots, local commercials, announcements, etc. The videotaped segment for the commercial is digitally encoded. The digital material is scheduled for delivery to each remote site server 16 prior to broadcast. The playlist, digitized spots, and the broadcast program stream are sent, via satellite, to all of the remote site servers 16 within the region. All of the remote site servers 16 within the region air the local spots for that region at the scheduled time. As-Run logs are retrieved by the central site 10 from the remote site servers 16. As-Run logs are sent to the local markets, reviewed, reconciled, and customers are billed. Commercials and As-Run logs are archived.

Paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 8:

The transmission scheduler 30 of layer 24 is responsible for managing transmissions from the central site 10 to the remote site server(s) 16. The transmission scheduler manages the transmission by executing a plurality of transforms (i.e., bodies of logic that take particular inputs and perform certain operations to produce particular outputs) and utilizing a plurality of queues, as described in co-pending U.S. Patent application entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZATION OF DISTRIBUTION TO REDUCE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS IN A DIGITAL MEDIA DISTRIBUTOR, serial no. unknown (docket no. BC999063/1498P)

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09/524,082, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, and incorporated herein by

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